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Sister Agnes Adina Byrne died at St. Boniface's School, Banning, California, on the 27th day of June, nineteen hundred four, in the 44th year of her age, the twenty-fifth of her religious life.

A cheerful and amiable manner, a great love for duty, a tender devotion to our Immaculate Mother and a quick recognition of God's hand in every event, characterized this dear Sister. Gratitude for her call to the religious life showed itself in many ways but most plainly in the promptitude with which she discerned a like call in her pupils and the prudent solicitude with which she nurtured the God-given inclination.

Her remarkable tact in drawing out the best attainments of the children made her a most successful teacher. Her lofty idea of what those blessed with a Catholic education should be, and her faith that her pupils would attain this high standard, spurred these young minds to greater effort and filled their parents with veneration for one whose influence followed their children far beyond their schooldays.

Though never robust, she would not allow herself to be con-idered an invalid but kept to her post, cheerful and helpful, as long as her physical strength held out. Hoping to recover sufficiently to work a little longer she accepted, not only willingly but most gratefully, the obedience which sent her far from the scenes and labors and associations she loved so well.

When convinced that not even the most favorable climate could stay the disease she had fought so long, she resigned herself perfectly and turned to good account every pain of body, every anguish of heart. May the reward of those who instruct others unto justice be hers.